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Newly submitted claims 23-34 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented claims are drawn to a method of providing substantial benefits to an animal subject comprising applying a neutralized composition to an animals hair, skin, scales, or feathers whereas the amended claims are drawn to a method of neutralization and thus, a new invention. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 23-34 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142 (b) and MPEP 821.03. Failure to present claims drawn to the original invention which were examined on their merits before would result in abandonment of the application.

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Newly submitted claims 32-51 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented claims are drawn to a powdered confectionary composition whereas the amended claims are drawn to a process of making the confectionary powdered composition and thus, a new invention. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 32-51 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142 (b) and MPEP 821.03. Failure to present claims drawn to the original invention which were examined on their merits before would result in abandonment of the application.

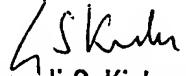
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